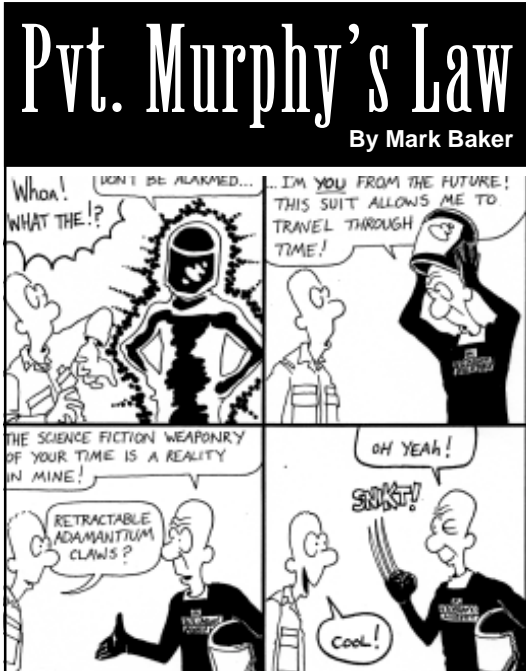


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Buffalo Corral operating hours

Beginning June 5, the Buffalo Corral Riding Stables will be open Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. For more information, please call 533-5220.

Attention softball enthusiasts

The 14th Annual "Weekend Bash" softball tournament will be held June 1-2 in Tucson, Ariz. Annually, this has proven to be the one tournament, military or otherwise, you don't want to miss.

The award packages simply can't be beat. The champions will walk off with their choice of new gloves or bats. The top three teams will receive awards. Prizes are absolutely top of the line. Does your team have what it takes to be "Best in the West?" Come to Tucson and find out. If you bring your intramural squad to this tournament, you will not be disappointed.

For more information, contact Greg Manning at (520) 228-4185 or DSN 228-4185.

YS volunteers

Youth Services needs volunteers to assist with the Tombstone High School Project Graduation today. Volunteers are needed to assist in casino type games and activities for the graduating seniors and their guests. Project graduation is an overnight event designed to provide graduating seniors with a fun, safe, and positive atmosphere to celebrate their accomplishment. Volunteers are needed overnight for games and activities.

Interested volunteers should contact Youth Services at 533-3212 or 533-3205.

Sports series camp

The Parks and Leisure Services will be providing instruction in skills, rules, and fundamentals for several team and individual sports from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, June 3-7, beginning with a baseball/softball mini camp.

All weekly mini camps will be held at the Apache Middle School gymnasium for \$60 per participant, per week.

Register now for youth in second-through seventh-grades. The weekly registration fee includes admission for three days of swimming per week at the new Sierra Vista Aquatic Center, the Cove. Participants should bring snacks, lunch, drinks, hats and sunscreen each day. Swimsuits and towels will be needed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Parents can register their children at the Oscar Yrun Community Center for upcoming weekly mini sports camps.

Start Smart

This Parks and Leisure Services "Smart Start" program will offer participants, ages 3-5, the opportunity to develop essential motor skills and will help to prepare kids with tools they need for fun and successful experience in an organized program. The cost is \$50 per child. The camp starts at 10 a.m. on Saturdays for one hour starting Saturday, at Apache Middle School Gymnasium and runs through July 20. Register now at the OYCC or at the Ethel Berger Center.

Summer pool hours

The Barnes Field House Pool is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 5 a.m. - 4 p.m. On Thursday it's open from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., closed Saturday - Sunday. Irwin Pool is open Thursday-Monday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., closed Tuesday - Wednesday. Grierson Pool is open Tuesday - Friday from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Lessons are available from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday the pool is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., closed Sunday and Monday.



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks

Situated in the Mule Mountains, Bisbee offers tourists a relaxed atmosphere filled with Old World Charm.

Welcome to Bisbee

Historical mining town, now artsy community

*By Sgt. 1st Class Donald Sparks
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Less than a hop, skip and jump from Fort Huachuca is the famed mining town of Bisbee, Ariz. Named after Judge DeWitt Bisbee in 1880, the town was once one of America's most prolific mining localities.

Still present when entering the historical part of the town is the Copper Queen Mine, which offers tours of the facility.

The mine once produced nearly three million ounces of gold and more than eight million

pounds of copper.

To stop in Bisbee is to take a trip back in time, imagining yourself discovering precious ore and then cashing it in and taking it down to the famous Brewery Gulch for profit.

Once featuring a slew of saloons and other spots of entertainment, and labeled as the 'liveliest spot between El Paso and San Francisco', today Brewery Gulch offers a nice atmosphere in which you can let your hair down and have fun.

No longer a booming mining town, Bisbee is now home for a different culture. The town

has evolved into an artist community. I've even been told a retired hippie community where writers, poets, musicians and painters alike come to hone their creative essence.

To really feel the splendor of this town, stroll the downtown streets and take a look at the many antique shops displaying the era of miners and their craft.

Even better, take a trip into the Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum to better learn the history of this laid back community.

This town is surely worth the hop, skip and jump to venture and see a part of America's Old Western history.



Left: Grandpa Woodstock, from Woodstock, N.Y., wishes passerbys peace and love in his own colorful way. Top: The Bisbee Mining and Historical Museum offers an historical perspective of the old mining town. The museum is the nation's first small, rural museum to become a part of the Smithsonian Institute. Above: Strolling the sidewalks of Bisbee, tourists can find a variety of art galleries, book stores, antique shops and specialty shops.



In the Spotlight

See your MWR activity highlighted
in The Fort Huachuca Scout, call 538-0836.



Entertainment & Sports Place

“A Non-Alcoholic Fun Zone”

Ozone updates facility

The Ozone Fun and Sports Place is a large, modern well-lighted facility offering many choices to Fort Huachuca residents, active duty military personnel, military units and individuals. The Ozone will feature the Army’s Video Arcade and Pepperoni’s pizza, along with big screen televisions and a state of the art sound system. The facility includes an outdoor volleyball court and plenty of room for private games and activities. The Ozone Fun and Sports Place is available for lease, during the week and on Sundays for private parties, birthdays, anniversaries, hail and farewells and unit moral activities. A full catering menu, including alcohol, is available for these function.

The Ozone Fun and Sports Place is also open for IET students on Friday and Saturday evenings. This modern facility offers a smoke free environment for the students to relax, enjoy some music, play some games and gather with friends. Students can enjoy many non-alcoholic specialty drinks and dance to the latest hip-hop, rhythm and blues, pop, and country music. The latest in lights and DJ equipment make the Ozone the bright spot for music on Fort Huachuca. For information, call 538-1690.

Holders of advance Styx tickets to enjoy June 22 pre-concert party

MWR Release

The Directorate of Community Activities invites all Miller Genuine Draft Army Concert advance ticket holders to a pre-concert party. Patrons who have purchased tickets early will be allowed entrance to the party zone area at Libby Army Airfield at 3 p.m. Food and drinks will be available and K101 will offer a live remote from the concert grounds as a warm-up to the hottest entertainment in the desert. Patrons are reminded to bring sunblock and their party attitudes.

The route to the concert has been simplified for the public’s convenience. Entrance through the East Gate at the intersection of Hwy. 90 and the Hwy. 92 bypass will bring drivers right to the concert gate. Access to the concert will be controlled, but well marked and swift. Patrons are reminded that weapons, pets, video and audio recorders, photography, coolers or ice chests, cans or glass containers are not allowed on the concert site.

The annual MGD Army Concert Tour will feature Styx, Evan and Jaron, plus Dishwalla on June 22 at Libby Army Airfield on Fort Huachuca. Admission prices are the same as last year, \$20 in advance or \$30 at the gate. The gates will open at 6:30 and the concert will begin

at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at MWR Box Office, MWR Rents, Desert Lanes and Ozone on Fort Huachuca, and at area Safeway Stores off post.

Styx is known for offering amazing, energetic, and exciting performances. Styx hit songs include “Brave New World,” “Come Sail Away,” “Renegade” and “Blue Collar Man.”

DCA also offers authorized MWR patrons chances to win a pair of free tickets to the MGD Army Concert. All MWR authorized patrons 18 years or older are eligible. Entry forms are available at Jeannie’s Diner, Sportsman’s Center, LakeSide Activity Centre and MWR Rents. These facilities will hold drawings and a winner from each facility will be notified by June 5.

Eifler Fitness Center offers a 30 second 3-point Shoot Out to determine the winner of their tickets. Buffalo Corral will select their winner from comment cards filled out by patrons.

Desert Lanes will award their pair of tickets to the person bowling the first 300 game or 800 series during league or tournament competition.

Vendors are needed for this popular event. Spaces of 20’ by 10’ are available to rent for \$350 each. Applications may be picked up at the Recreation Services Division office located inside MWR Rents at Irwin and Hunter streets. Call 538-1690 for information.





Fort Huachuca Directorate of Community Activities Updates

The Directorate of Community Activities is responsible for content appearing on the MWR page in The Fort Huachuca Scout.
Questions about this section should be directed to MWR Marketing Director, Paula German at 538-0836 or send an e-mail to germanp@hua.army.mil.



Summer children’s program at Arts Center

The MWR Arts Center offers a summer children’s program June 17-27. Classes are available in tie-dye, pottery, beading, glass and more. The cost is \$7 for single classes and \$12 for two-day classes. Classes are open to children five to 15 years of age. Classes must be prepaid at the time of registration. Call 533-2015 for information.

Youth Services offers soccer camp

Youth Services is sponsoring several week-long summer soccer camps. Two sessions are available each week. Morning sessions are held 10 a.m. to noon and afternoon sessions are held 1-3 p.m. The cost for each one week session is \$25. Participants receive a t-shirt and ball. Soccer camps begin June 3, 10, 17 and July 8, 15, 22 and 29. Advanced and goal keeper classes are available. Call 533-3205 for registration of information.

MWR Rents specials

A Laser Tag special is available throughout the month of May. Patrons may rent the laser tag for eight hours at the price of four hours only. A lawn maintenance special is available in time for the warmer weather. Patrons who rent a lawn mower by the hour five times will receive a sixth lawn mower rental for free. This offer continues throughout the summer.

Free boater safety classes are scheduled for June 8 and July 1 and 2. The one-day class is from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. The two-day class is from 6-10 p.m. All classes are held in room number 7 at the Murr Community Center. Call MWR Rents at 533-6707 for information and reservations. Certification from a safety class is necessary to rent boats from MWR Rents.

Free Fishing Day is June 9. Arizona Game and Fish Department sponsor this day to encourage new fishermen, young and old, to try their hand at fishing without the required state license. An installation fishing permit is not required for this day either. MWR has rods and reels for rent and information on many activities being held at local lakes. MWR Rents is located at the corner of Irwin and Hunter. Drop in or call 533-6707 for information.

Buffalo Corral activities

A children’s horseback riding camp will be offered from June 3 through July 26. The camp is available to youth ages 7-17 from 8 a.m.-noon on Monday through Friday for a fee of \$95 per week. Registrations are due one week in advance and may be made at Oscar Yrun Community Center. Children must wear hard soled shoes or boots, hat and long pants and will need to bring a water bottle. Classes will be held at the Buffalo Corral Riding Stables. For information call Buffalo Corral at 533-5220 or the community center at 458-7922.

Beginning June 5, the Buffalo Corral will be open on Wednesdays. New hours will be Wednesday through Sunday, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Call 533-5220 for information.

Fort Huachuca blood drives

Future blood drive dates for the summer are June 21, July 26 and August 23 at Eifler Fitness Center; June 21, July 19 and August 16 at Murr Community Center; June 25 and August 27 at Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center.

Family Readiness Group training

A follow-up advanced FRG training session is scheduled for June 15 from 9 a.m. to noon. The class covers personality types, conflict management and group dynamics. The class will be held at Army Community Service, building 50010, located on the traffic circle. Call 533-2330 to register, or you may e-mail to

gail.mortensen@hua.army.mil. These classes are offered free of charge and are designed for those interested in obtaining skill and knowledge to work effectively with Family Readiness Groups.

Summer scuba program offered at Barnes

Summer scuba classes will be available soon at Barnes Field House. Sign up now or call 533-3858 for information.

Relocation Readiness offers household aid

Army Community Service would like to remind soldiers and family members who are new to Fort Huachuca, or are relocating, that the Relocation Readiness Program has many household items available. Kitchen items, cribs, car seats and more are available in the lending closet for a check-out period of thirty days. Army Community Service is located in Building 50010 on Smith Street at the traffic circle. For information, call 533-2330.

Volunteers sought for Styx concert

Volunteers are needed for the MGD Army Concert Tour featuring Styx on June 22. Positions to be filled are ticket sales, gate operations, security, ushers, concession support and information booth. Interested persons may call Jo Richter, Installation Volunteer Coordinator at 533-4823. Active duty soldiers can accumulate hours toward earning a Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.

Lil’ Skeeters adopts new operating hours

Effective Monday, Lil Skeeters will have new hours. Lunch will be served Monday through Friday 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dinner will be served Wednesday through Thursday 3:30-7:30 p.m. and Fridays 3:30-8 p.m. Lil’ Skeeters will be closed Monday and Tuesday evenings, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Call 533-3837 or 533-3876 for information.

Desert Lanes starts Mystery Bowl Saturday

Desert Lanes will join Army bowling centers worldwide, offering a Mystery Bowl Program starting Saturday through August 31. Authorized patrons will receive an entry form each time they purchase a game of bowling or snack bar item, buy an item from the pro shop, or simply request an entry form when they visit the facility. There will be a new drawing each week from the weekly entries. The weekly winner at each location may select one of 12 mystery prize slots and receive the prize uncovered in that slot.

In addition to the weekly drawings, there will be an online promotion to win a Mystery Trip. With each weekly drawing, a new clue to the trip destination will be revealed and will be posted at Desert Lanes. The same clue will be posted on the website two to three days later. Patrons will need to enter online to guess the destination. The first patron (worldwide) to correctly guess the destination, wins the trip package sponsored by Club Interval and www.GovArm.com. Participants must be authorized MWR patrons.

Desert Lanes offers an Age Tournament Saturday, at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$25. Bowlers play five games across ten lanes. Bowlers age determines his handicap. Call 533- 28 49 for information on any of these events.

Desert Lanes also has scheduled Nifty Fifties Day for June 9 ,from noon to 4 p.m. and a mixed doubles tournament will be held June 29. The entry for the mixed doubles tournament is \$30. Call 533-2849 for information.

AFTB classes offered

An Army Family Team Building Level 1 class will be held at Murr Community Center on June 11-13 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a sack lunch. Free childcare is provided. Pre-registration is required. Contact 533-3686 or 533-2330.

An AFTB leadership seminar series will be held on June 25

and 27 at Murr Community Center from 5:30-9 p.m. Beverages will be provided. This seminar is designed for leaders, organization representatives and anyone desiring to enhance their leadership skills. Subjects cover effective leadership, communication, and conflict management. Pre-registration is required. Contact 533-3686 or 533-2330.

Premier Caterers announces hours

The Premier Caterers business office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. The office is closed Saturday through Monday. Premier Caterers is located inside the LakeSide Activity Centre. Call 533-2194 when planning your next party, social event, anniversary or wedding. Premier Caterers make preparations for any event, large or small.

Youth Services Summer Program

Youth Services is taking registrations for the Middle-School and Teen (MST) Summer Program. This program is designed for youth in grades 6-9 as of school year 2001-02 to participate in recreational and social activities during the summer. This program offers activities including bowling, swimming, arts and crafts, computer lab and field trips. Cost of the program is \$20 per week. Participants may sign up for as many weeks as desired, however daily participation is not available.

Hours of operation are 8 a.m.- 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Participants must be registered members of Child & Youth Services and may register through the Central Registration Office by contacting 533-0738. For more information, contact Youth Services at 533-3205.

LakeSide plans Father’s Day Buffet

A he-man menu is scheduled for June 16 at the LakeSide Activity Centre. This man-sized buffet will be served for dad and family from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Menu features are savory selections of Steamship Round, grilled barbecued salmon, blackened chicken breast and peppered smoked pork ribs. Other selections will be detailed in next week’s issue of the Scout. The price for adults is \$14.95. Children 5-10 years are \$7.95 and children four years and under may dine for free. Call 533-2194 for information or reservations.

Box Office has ideas for Father’s Day

MWR Box Office offers many opportunities for gifts for your special dad on Father’s Day. Tickets to the upcoming MGD Army Concert Tour, tickets to entertainment in Tucson, Sierra Vista and many out-of-state theme parks are available. The Box Office even has some very special cartoon character watches for sale.

Free tickets are available to all military for the Sidewinders’ Military Appreciation Night on June 14. Sidewinders will play against Salt Lake City. The game starts at 7 p.m. at Tucson Electric Park. Drop in at the Box Office located in the MWR Plaza, Bldg. 52008, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., or call 533-2404 for information.

Sportsman’s Center offers summer fun

The Sportsman’s Center is hosting a Summer Fun on Range 3 program. Plinker Range, located between Rappel Tower and Range number Two, will be the site for family participation. The Sportsman’s Center has a large variety of targets and guns available for target practice. The range is open from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and is well staffed with knowledgeable and experienced personnel.

Instruction is available for first time shooters. The range is available to all authorized MWR patrons and their guests. Call 533-7085 for information.

Arizona Game, Fish Department wild life news features fishing

By Rory Aikens
Special to the Scout

Trout fishing remains strong: go now before summer doldrums hit

Most high country fisheries are not affected by the forest closures, and the Arizona Game and Fish Department is recommending everyone do their trout fishing now before the summer doldrums hit.

“This recent spat of mild weather with cold nights in the high country has kept alive most of the good spring trout fishing, especially at the higher elevation waters,” advised Roger Sorensen, hatcheries program manager for Game and Fish.

The nights in the high country have typically been at freezing, or even below that in the higher elevations and are forecast to stay that way at least through the end of this week. Those freezing nights have kept the mountain lakes from warming up.

Game and Fish officials also pointed out that most high country lakes are not affected by the forest closures.

“There are only a handful of high country fisheries affected by closures. Knoll Lake, Bear Canyon Lake, Black Canyon Lake and Chevelon Lake near the Mogollon Rim are not accessible due to forest closures. Some stream fishing opportunities below the Mogollon Rim are also not available to anglers. The Coronado National Forest instituted a closure Monday, which means Riggs Flat, Pena Blanca, Arivaca and Rose Canyon lakes are not accessible,” said Information Branch Chief Joe Janisch.

Canyon Creek, Tonto Creek and Haigler Creek below the Mogollon Rim are all in closure areas. Christopher Creek Campground is open, which means the creek is also accessible.

“Two of our best producers – Woods Canyon and Willow Springs lakes, along the Mogollon Rim, are open and accessible. Plus, they have received double stockings of trout last week and are being stocked again this

week. Another good bet is Big Lake in the White Mountains, which is still providing excellent fishing,” Janisch said.

Janisch explained that higher elevations are typically better, not just for fishing, but also when it comes to forest closures. “In the White Mountains, once you get into the mixed-conifer type vegetation, there are only some small areas around population centers that have been closed. There are even dispersed camping opportunities available in the White Mountains. However, please be careful out there and obey all the restrictions – everything is very dry.”

For the latest restriction and closure information, call 877-864-6985. To find out about fishing and what lakes are open, try the Game and Fish Internet page at www.azgfd.com and look under “What’s New.”

Mary Ann Bruner, Flagstaff regional fisheries specialist, said Blue Ridge has also been providing anglers good fishing opportunities this season. Bruner has a tip. “Those who want more fishing diversity should head to Long Lake. There are still some trout being caught, the walleye are starting to bite, and anglers are catching 20 or 30 pike a day, with an occasional fish up to 18 pounds or so.”

Bruner said Long Lake might not be as picturesque as Blue Ridge or some of the other mountain lakes that are surrounded by ponderosa pines, nor does it have the good camping facilities. Due to the closure of Forest Service Road 211, it’s not even easy to access. “Long Lake is good for one thing – fishing,” she said.

The easiest way to reach Long Lake is to come off Interstate 40 and take the Meteor Crater exit, and keep heading south. There is also a road off Highway 87 (north of the ranger station) that accesses Long Lake via Chavez Pass, but the Forest Service says the road is pretty rough.

Two other possibilities in the Flagstaff Region for trout include Ashurst and Kinnikinick. Ashurst is open for day and night fishing, but Kinnikinick is day use only right now from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. “Ashurst even has northern pike and crappie. Both Ashurst and Kinnikinick have channel catfish,” Bruner said.

Don’t forget that you can trout fish close to home along the Lower Salt River (below Saguaro Lake). One angler that recently moved to Arizona has become a regular along this desert trout fishery. “We fish it three or four times a week. The best time is in the early morning or late afternoon,” said Gary Miller of Tempe.

Miller, who is a commercial pilot, said his worst day recently was catching four trout in four hours. “Typically, we catch a trout about every 20 minutes or so.”

Arizona youth wins NWTF national scholarship

“I never realized my hard work would pay off this way,” said Brad Herrin, of Hereford, Arizona, a young student, hunter, and conservationist, spoke reflectively about his early success.

“I’ve always worked hard to be a good student and to also contribute to my community and wildlife conservation, and now, thanks to the NWTF, I know I can continue on to college and not worry about finances as much.”

To reward Herrin’s dedication and to help ensure his continued success, the National Wild Turkey Federation recently named the exceptional youth as the recipient of the 2002 NWTF National Scholarship.

Students like Herrin deserve special recognition—and support. In Herrin’s case, his dedication to his community and his efforts for wildlife and habitat conservation set him apart from the typical student. That’s where an organization like the NWTF comes into the picture.

“The NWTF scholarship program was created to support students based on their dedication to wildlife conservation and the hunting tradition,” said Christine Rolka, NWTF’s education supervisor.

“If we want to continue enjoying the gains made in conservation since the beginning of the 20th century, it will be through the future work of students like Herrin.”

Herrin will receive \$10,000 from the NWTF scholarship fund to help cover the cost of his college education.

He earned the right for national consideration after winning a \$250 local NWTF chapter scholarship, followed by the \$1,000 NWTF state chapter scholarship awarded by the Arizona State Chapter.

For more information about the NWTF scholarship program contact Natalie Fox at 1-800-THE-NWTF or nfox@nwtf.net.

Crayfish can add another dimension to your trout fishing expedition

Crayfish can add another dimension to your trout-fishing experience, especially if you have youngsters, and harvesting these nonnative crustaceans helps our lakes and streams, advises the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

“Crayfish are easy to catch. Your youngsters will even like preparing and eating them – they are multi-dimensional fun,” says Joe Janisch, information branch chief.

Janisch, a renowned crayfish connoisseur, explains that crayfish are not native to Arizona and can destroy high country trout stream habi-

tats. You will be doing the environment a favor by catching and eating them.

Just don’t transport them alive. The Arizona Game and Fish Commission has made it illegal to transport live crayfish in the state, with the exception of a small area around Yuma on the Colorado River.

“The intent is to help prevent the spread of crayfish in Arizona,” Janisch points out.

To catch crayfish, simply attach a piece of meat to a line or string. You don’t even need a hook, but a hook can help keep the meat from being stolen by these voracious crustaceans. A piece of bacon fat works exceptionally well. “I know one person who simply soaks a long string in bacon fat, then puts the string in the water, waits a dozen of so minutes, and pulls out the string. Many times, there are a dozen or so crayfish holding onto that string,” Janisch says.

Youngsters, though, like to sight-fish for these clawed denizens of the rocky shorelines. “Crayfish like to hide under rocks, or in rocky areas,” says Janisch.

To prepare crayfish, bring the water to a boil, take it off the heat, then add the crayfish, or the crayfish tails.

When the shells turn bright red, the meat’s done. “I have heard people complain about crayfish tasting like rubber. That’s because they overcook them. That’s why you don’t boil them, but add the crayfish to boiling water that has been taken off the heat,” Janisch explains.

Most people just eat the crayfish tails in some hot butter. You might try adding some lemon juice or garlic to the butter.

“If you want to get fancy, just look up a recipe calling for shrimp or lobster in your cookbook, and simply substitute crayfish.

My favorite in camp is having crayfish to dip in hot butter, and corn on the cob to smother in butter as well. Add a couple of fresh rainbow trout, and you have a meal fit for an outdoor king,” Janisch claims.

Reminder: Hunt Application Deadline Day June 11

Don’t forget – the big game hunt application deadline is 7 p.m. on June 11, which is the second Tuesday in June, advised Arizona Game and Fish Department officials.

“Postmarks don’t count. We must have those hunt applications in our hands by 7 p.m. Keep in mind that our front counters will be closed at 5 p.m. on deadline day,” said Information Branch Chief Joe Janisch.

Janisch added that there is a new wrinkle this year. “We are accepting applications over the Internet for the first time ever. Just visit our web site at www.azgfd.com,” Janisch said.

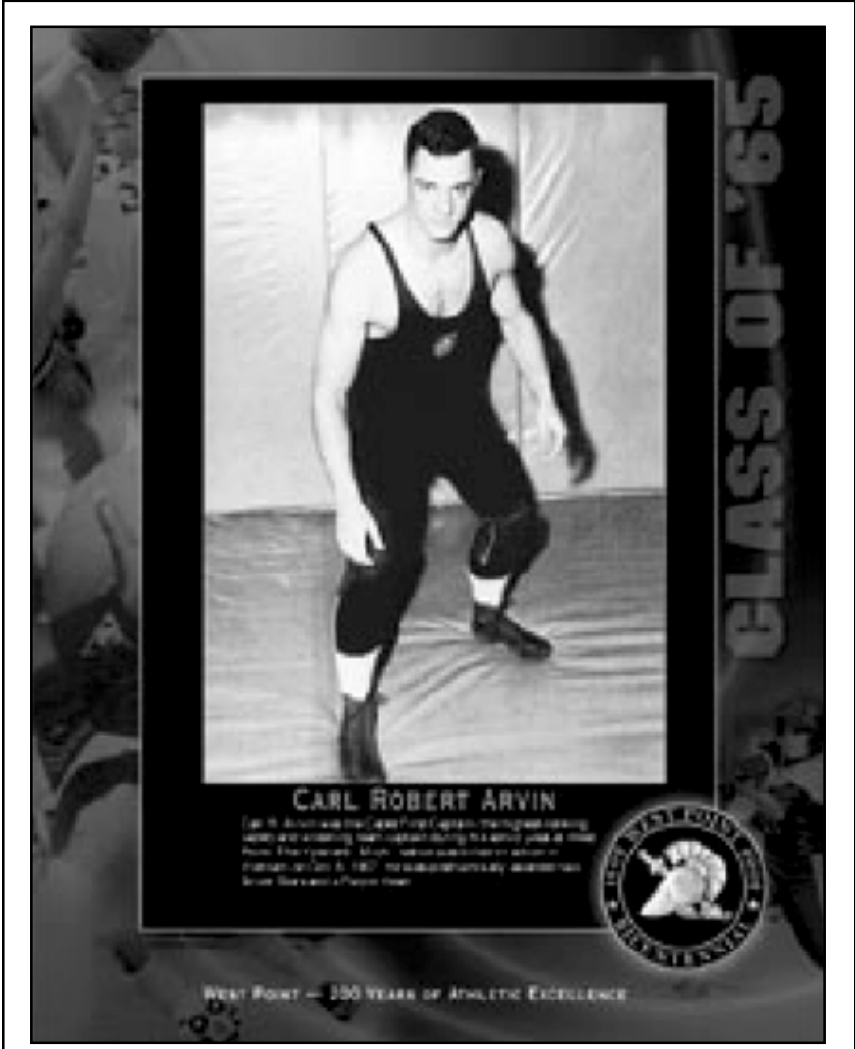
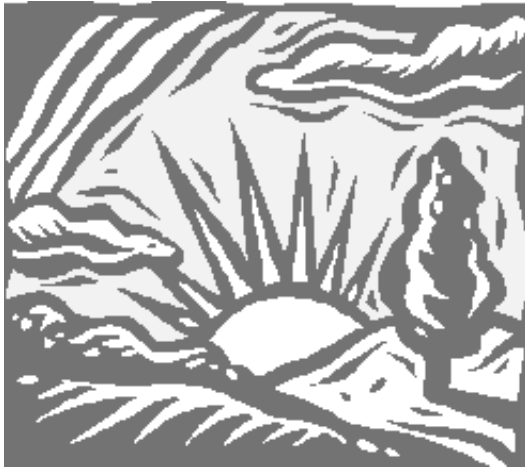


Photo courtesy of Soldiers

Army Athletics

Each month Soldiers magazine features West Point athletes in commemoration of its 200th anniversary on its back cover.

Army game to debut this summer

By Heike Hasenauer
Army News Service

Starting in July, kids, as well as adults, will have the opportunity to play a realistic, interactive computer game that will take them on a virtual tour inside the Army.

“America’s Army,” to be distributed free of charge on the Web at americasarmy.com, will allow players to “experience” everything from the enlistment process at a recruiting station, to jumping out of a C-130 aircraft during an airborne operation and retrieving stolen Stinger missiles from enemy forces, said Lt. Col. George Juntiff, the Army Game Project’s operations officer.

The Army’s intent is not only to enhance kids’ - and adults’ - video-game-playing experiences and spark interest in the Army as a potential career, but reintroduce the Army to the population at large, said Paul Boyce, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon.

The idea for an Army game originated at the Office of Economic and Manpower Analysis at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., as a recruiting tool for the assistant secretary of the Army for Reserve Affairs two years ago, said Maj. Christopher Chambers, deputy director of the Army Game Project.

The estimated \$8 million game - developed by computer scientists and master’s degree program personnel from the joint services at the Naval Postgraduate School’s Modeling Virtual Environments and Simulation institute, MOVES, in Monterey, Calif., - will evolve over five years to cover all the Army’s military occupational specialties, said Professor Michael Zyda, MOVES institute director.

The game, which is actually a two-part CD, one

called “Soldiers,” the other “Army Operations,” currently includes 20 combat-arms MOSs, Zyda said.

In the “Army Operations” portion of the game, players can enter any of 20 infantry-squad-related scenarios, said “Operations”-CD producer Professor Michael Capps.

Real-life imagery of weapons, equipment and terrain have been coupled with an emphasis on training, Capps said. “We want players to have a good time, but we want them to know, too, that when a soldier enlists in the Army, he’s not simply taken to the top of a tower and told to jump. Training prepares him for whatever job he’s expected to do.”

In the “Soldiers” CD, players choose one of four existing soldiers as their game piece or create their own soldier, said NPS Professor John Hiles, who designed the “Soldiers” portion of the game.

The pre-selected characters possess both good and not-so-good-character traits, Hiles said.

“Players are given six resources and seven values to choose from as they make decisions that guide the character,” Hiles said.

Recently showcased at one of the largest annual exhibitions for the computer-game industry, the Electronics Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles, Calif., “America’s Army,” was favorably received by representatives from some of the foremost gaming companies in the world, Army officials said. They estimate one million of the double-CD game will be distributed to a target audience of 13- to 44-year-olds nationwide.

(Editor’s note: Heike Hasenauer is a staff writer for Soldier’s magazine. For more in-depth coverage, look for her story in Soldiers magazine’s August issue.)

Soldiers make World Championship shooting team

By Paula J. Randall Pagán
Army News Service

Fourteen soldiers with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit were selected to represent the United States by competing in 27 events at the World Championships in Lahti, Finland.

Hundreds of shooters from around the country competed at the 2002 World Championship Team Selection Matches, which were conducted May 5 to 17 both at Fort Benning, Ga., and at the Tom Lowe Olympic Shooting Complex, the site of the 1996 Olympics. Trials were also held earlier at Fort Benning, March 20 to 24.

Only the top 32 male, 23 female and 49 junior shooters in the country were selected to the USA Shooting Team, which will compete at the 48th International Shooting Sport Federation World Championships, to be held July 1 to 16 in Lahti.

In the Skeet World Championship Team Selection Match, 2000 Olympic Bronze Medalist Sgt. 1st Class James T. Graves won the Gold Medal, and 2001 World Skeet Champion Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery took the Silver Medal; both soldiers won slots on the World Championship Team.

In the Trap Championships, two-time Olympian Sgt. 1st Class Brett E. Erickson won the Trap Match and was named to the World Championship Team.

Erickson beat 50 of the country’s best trap shooters, to include 2000 Olympians Josh Lakatos and Lance Bade, who won the Silver and Bronze Medals in Trap at the 1996 Olympics.

“It’s always nice to make the team and beat the youngsters who have been dominating the sport,” Erickson said.

“I won the Silver Medal at the last World Championships and I won Gold in 1990 in Russia; it would be nice to do it again.

“The competition at the World Champion-

ships is tough; it’s at least three times bigger than the Olympics in participation.”

Sgt. 1st Class Theresa E. DeWitt, a 1996 Olympian, received the Silver Medal in the Women’s Trap Match and was selected for the World Championship Women’s World Championship Trap Team.

Pvt. Matthew T. Wallace took second place in the Junior Trap Match and made the World Championship Junior Team.

“I’m really excited about competing in the World Championships,” Wallace, 19, said. “I only had one week after I finished Basic and Infantry Training to train for the match, so I’m happy I made it.”

After finishing in a two-way tie for first place in the Double Trap Matches, DeWitt took the Silver Medal after the shoot-off and was named to the Women’s Double Trap World Championship Team.

“I was very happy with my performance,” DeWitt said. “I’m excited that I’ll get to shoot two events in the World Championships; this will be the first time I’ve gotten to do that.”

Staff Sgt. Joetta R. Dement who got the Bronze Medal in the Women’s Double Trap Match, was named to the Women’s World Championship Double Trap Team.

Sgt. William H. Keever, a 2000 Olympian, received the Silver Medal in the Men’s Double Trap Match and made the Men’s World Championship Double Trap Team.

Staff Sgt. Jason A. Parker, a 2000 Olympian, took Gold Medals in the Air Rifle and 300-Meter Standard Rifle Matches, a Bronze Medal in the Free Rifle Three Position Match and won three slots on the World Championship Team.

Spc. Mary K. Elsass won Gold Medals in the Sport Rifle Prone Match and the 300-Meter Sport Rifle Three Position Matches as well as taking the Bronze Medal in the 300-Meter Prone Rifle Match and garnered three slots on the Women’s World Championship Rifle Team.

“This will be my first time competing at the

World Championships and it will be a really big honor to represent the Army and the country,” Elsass said. “I’ve been training hard and I’ve gotten great equipment and ammunition; the USAMU gunsmiths helped a lot working on my rifles.”

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas, another 2000 Olympian, won the Gold Medal in the Free Rifle Prone Match, the Silver Medal in the 300-Meter Prone Rifle Match and took fifth place in the 300-Meter Standard Rifle Match to win him those three slots on the World Championship Team.

Maj. Michael E. Anti, a 2000 Olympian, received the Bronze Medal in the 300-Meter Three Position Match and a slot on the World Championship Team.

“The only time I’ve ever competed at the World Championships was in 1982. I was 17 years old and the youngest shooter to ever make the Men’s Open Team,” Anti said. “I always look forward to competing in the major matches and the World Championships are second only to the Olympics in importance.”

Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski, also a 2000 Olympian, won the Gold Medal in the Air Pistol Match, Silver Medals in the Center Fire and Standard Pistol matches and a Bronze Medal in the Free Pistol Match. He made the World Championship Team in all four disciplines.

Spc. Grant E. Saylor got the Bronze Medal in the Center Fire Pistol Match and was named to the World Championship Team.

Sgt. Armando R. Ayala received the Silver Medal in the 10-Meter Running Target 30+30 Match and took the Bronze Medal in the 50-Meter Running Target 30+30 Match. He will shoot both those events plus the 10- and 50-Meter Mixed Matches at the World Championships.

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Friday

Changing Lanes, starring Ben Affleck and Samuel L. Jackson – One day in New York, Gavin, a young lawyer, and Doyle, a businessman, share a small automobile accident on FDR Drive. Their mutual road rage triggers a chain of events that escalates into a feud. **Changing Lanes** is rated R.

Army Olympians travel to Afghanistan on trip

U.S. Army Public Affairs

Four U.S. Army Olympians arrived in Kuwait on the first leg of an eight-day trip that will include Afghanistan and Germany. The soldier-athletes visited soldiers serving as part of Operation Enduring Freedom and soldiers and families stationed in Germany.

Specialists Michael B. Kohn and Doug Sharp, Olympic bronze medallists in the four-man USA II bobsled, and biathletes Sergeants Kristina V. Sabasteanski and Lawton Redman spent time with soldiers in Kuwait before departing for Afghanistan. “I look forward to going to Afghanistan and seeing the troops because the service they’re giving me, my family, my loved ones, our country, is one of the largest sacrifices anyone could ever ask of another human being,” said Sharp.

“For me to go over there, experience it and shake their hands is a great honor.”

All four soldiers are members of the Army World Class Athlete Program, which is one of more than 200 Morale, Welfare, and Recreation programs the Army provides soldiers and families worldwide. The soldier-athletes said they feel it is an honor to visit the soldiers who are on the front lines. After the events of Sept. 11, 2001, they said they often questioned the validity of training for the Olympics while their fellow soldiers were battling Taliban and Al-Qaeda forces.

“I remember during the opening ceremonies and during certain events, NBC would show the troops at different military locations in Afghanistan watching the Olympic Games. That gave us a better understanding of what the big picture was,” said Kohn. “The true soldiers in the Army are the ones over there doing the things that enable us to exercise the very freedoms they protect on a daily basis.”

While in Germany, the Olympians will make guest appearances at various sporting events and locations in the Heidelberg, Kaiserslautern and Landstuhl.

For more information, call Army Public Affairs (703) 602-4399.

Movie schedule

The Cochise Theater movie prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children, except on Wednesdays and Thursdays, when all admission is only 99 cents.

All movies will be showing at 7 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.

Today

Panic Room, starring Jodie Foster and Kristen Stewart – A divorced women in her 30’s and her daughter are caught up in a cat-and-mouse game inside their new New York brownstone when three burglars come looking for a hidden cache of cash. **Panic Room** is rated R.